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# OCL Update

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To: Community Representatives

From: Janyce Hedetniemi, Director  
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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

It has been 5 years since NIH and the community finalized the 1995 NIH Bethesda Campus Master Plan. Now we are gearing up for the required 5-year update of the Plan. The NIH Community Liaison Council will be very much engaged in reviewing and commenting upon the Year 2000 Master Plan Update over the next 6 to 8 months. We are fortunate in that we will be guided through the update by the same teams of architects and engineers who helped us formulate the 1995 Master Plan.

The April meeting of the Community Liaison Council was devoted in part to presentations from the teams of Oudens and Knoop Architects and the Smith Group on the anticipated time frame for the update and some of the attributes of the 2000 Master Plan that will be the focus of our attention. Mr. Fred Heider of Athavale Lystad and Associates is also an original member of the 1995 Plan team; he will again provide consultant services to NIH on the environmental issues attendant to the master planning process. The whole process will be directed by Ms. Stella Serras-Fiotes, NIH Master Planner.

Any community association not presently affiliated with the Community Liaison Council is welcome to participate on the Council in the 2000 Master Plan Update. Please call my office to let me know of your interest. Minutes of the Council meetings and recommendations regarding the 2000 Master Plan Update will be available on the Office of Community Liaison Web site so that you can remain informed and can share relevant information with your respective communities.

I also want to tell you of the status of the planned pipeline for NIH. NIH intends to conduct a scoping process and environmental assessment regarding this project. The scoping process will include public meetings at which information relative to the project is available and staff are available to answer questions and direct inquiries appropriately. The scoping process is coincident with a period of public comment during which time the public can submit questions regarding the project to NIH for consideration and response. The scoping process and environmental assessment are dependent upon having the possible routes for the

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The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m.** in Conference Room D of the Natcher Conference Center (Building 45) on the NIH campus.

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pipeline available for consideration. As soon as NIH is provided proposed route information by Washington Gas and other potential suppliers, we will begin the scoping process. We cannot proceed, however, without information on proposed routes. It is possible that we might initiate the scoping process this summer; it is more likely, however, that it cannot begin until the fall. I will keep you informed.

Finally, in my praise in last month's OCL Update of the successful efforts of the NIH Office of Research Services (ORS) to reduce single occupancy vehicular traffic during peak rush hours, I mentioned the Division of Engineering Services (DES) but failed to

## **Tell Us What You Think**

The NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL) wants to hear from you! We want to provide our readers with interesting and informative articles, information about upcoming NIH and community events, answers to questions about NIH, ways for the community to get involved at NIH, and more. Please let us know what you find useful about the OCL Update, what you think could be improved, and anything else that may make this a more enjoyable publication for your use. We welcome your suggestions. Please call 301-496-3931, send an e-mail to [jh69z@nih.gov](mailto:jh69z@nih.gov), or write to OCL/NIH, Building 1, Room 259, One Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-0172.

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mention their partner in this enterprise, the Division of Public Safety. Tom Hayden of the Division of Public Safety deserves great kudos, as does Stella Serras-Fiotes of the DES, for their leadership in transportation management here at the NIH and the region.

One last note—the unseasonably hot days of May were accompanied by several Orange and Yellow Ozone Alerts. Keep your eye out for the NIH Ozone Day Alert flags located on Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road! They are there to help you be aware of days when unhealthy conditions exist for the area.

## **NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **NCI to Honor Outstanding Communicators with Lecture Series**

The Eleanor Nealon Extraordinary Communicators Lecture Series, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), will be launched at noon on Friday, June 16, in Masur Auditorium in Building 10 on the NIH campus. The series honors Eleanor Nealon—a beloved NCI employee who displayed passion and persuasion in her communication and advocacy work until breast cancer claimed her life in 1999. The series is a tribute to outstanding communicators who have advanced the science of communication and the communication of science through their professional or personal experiences.

ABC News Special Correspondent Robert Krulwich is the inaugural awardee. At noon on June 16, he will offer a stimulating commentary on cancer, its impact on society, and the translation of scientific information about cancer to the public. Krulwich regularly appears on Nightline and Good Morning America and has received numerous awards for his reporting, in which he uses humor and entertainment to educate and enlighten.

Sign language interpretation will be provided. For more information about the series, call Dianne Needham at 301-594-6811 or send her an e-mail at [needhamd@nih.gov](mailto:needhamd@nih.gov).

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## Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Scheduled

Attention residents! Don't forget to bring your household hazardous waste to NIH for disposal from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2000**. Instead of putting these materials down the drain or in the garbage, help protect the environment by bringing them to NIH for safe recycling. Residents can dispose of toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive waste that is commonly used or stored at home. Examples of items to bring include liquid oil, latex paint, thinners, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, fluorescent bulbs (12-bulb limit), swimming pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, brake fluid, car batteries, nickel-cadmium batteries, and mercury button batteries (used in watches, hearing aids, and calculators). Used oil and antifreeze will also be accepted. Due to county regulations, commercial waste or waste from commercial vehicles will not be accepted.

"Keeping these potentially dangerous items out of our waste stream through proper disposal protects the environment," said Bob Willson, environmental protection manager of the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS). He encourages residents to reduce the amount of household hazardous waste by using less toxic or nontoxic products.

Residents can bring their waste to NIH Parking Lot 31H, which is located at the corner of Rockville Pike and Wilson Drive. To get there, enter the NIH campus on Wilson Drive and turn right into the first parking lot. For more information on the types of items that will be accepted or how to use less toxic materials, or for a map showing the collection location, call the DSWS at 301-840-2370 or the Recycling Hotline at 301-590-0046 (between 1 and 4 p.m.). Additional information is also available on the DSWS Web site at <http://www.dpwt.com/SolWstSvcDiv/wastereduction/hhw.htm>.

## National Library of Medicine Updates MEDLINEplus

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has added an online medical encyclopedia to its Web-based consumer health resource, MEDLINEplus, located at <http://medlineplus.gov>. MEDLINEplus, which provides information on hundreds of diseases, conditions, and wellness issues, offers access to more than 4,000 articles from the adam.com medical encyclopedia.

The encyclopedia can provide further insight and clarification to anyone with a question about a specific disease or condition. The new encyclopedia is organized alphabetically and provides consumers with an extensive library of medical images as well as thousands of articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, causes, injuries, prevention, surgery, and treatment. More details, including clear definitions and alternative names, are also provided.

To try out the new encyclopedia, select "Medical Encyclopedia" from the left navigation bar of any MEDLINEplus page. To view the encyclopedia during a search, select the option "Basic with Medical Encyclopedia" before pressing the "Go" button.

## Panel Reports on Best Methods for Teaching Children to Read

A congressionally mandated national reading panel, which took part in the largest and most comprehensive study to determine how children learn to read, announced that children learn best through a combination of reading techniques.

The panel, which was convened by the director of NIH's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and by the U.S. Secretary of Education, announced its findings in a report this past April. The panel concluded that effective reading instruction includes teaching children to break apart and manipulate the sounds in words, teaching them that these sounds are represented by letters of the alphabet that can be joined together to create words, having them practice what they've learned by reading aloud with guidance and feedback, and

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applying reading comprehension strategies to guide and improve reading comprehension.

“For the first time, we now have guidance—based on evidence from sound scientific research—on how best to teach children how to read,” said NICHD Director Duane Alexander, M.D. “The panel’s rigorous scientific review identifies the most effective strategies for teaching reading.”

The National Reading Panel, which includes prominent reading research scientists, college representatives, reading teachers, educational administrators, and parents, was established in response to a 1997 congressional directive. NICHD is now working to distribute the panel’s findings in collaboration with the National Institute for Literacy and the Public Libraries Association. The report is currently available at the panel’s Web site:  
<http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org>.

### **NLM Breath of Life Exhibit Extended**

Imagine the sudden feeling of breathlessness and the inability to breathe. This is what many asthma sufferers experience on a regular basis. Today, the disease affects 17 million people in the United States. “Breath of Life,” the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM’s) interactive exhibit chronicling the medical and human history of asthma, has been extended through March 31, 2001. The exhibit features stories about people of all ages and from all professions—poets, doctors, politicians, singers, and sports figures—who have asthma. It examines how people manage with the disease and how the times and places in which people live shape their experience of the disease. The exhibit concludes with resources for learning to cope with asthma and with information about what the future might bring.

The “Breath of Life” exhibit is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Two guided tours of the exhibit are available every Wednesday: a one-hour tour beginning at the NLM (Building 38) entrance at 11 a.m. and a 15- or 30-minute tour, upon request, following the regu-

larly scheduled general tour of the NLM, which begins at 1:30 p.m. The exhibit is also online and can be viewed by visiting NLM’s Web site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/breath/breathhome.html>. For more information or special accommodations, call Jiwon Kim, the exhibition educator, at 301-496-5963.

### **NIH Sponsors Research on How Genes Affect Responses to Medicines**

Diet, environment, and lifestyle can all affect how a person responds to medicines, but genes are another key factor. The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), in collaboration with five other NIH institutes, has launched a nationwide research effort aimed at understanding how genetic make-up determines the way medicine works in the human body.

Through this “pharmacogenetics” research, scientists are hopeful that drug dosing will become a more exact science. “The outcome of pharmacogenetics research has the potential to improve the health of all Americans by making the medicines of today and tomorrow safer and more effective for everyone,” said Dr. Rochelle Long, a NIGMS pharmacologist who spearheaded the project.

NIH has awarded \$12.8 million to nine educational institutions across the country to establish an interactive research network of investigators. These investigators will store data in a shared information library accessible to the scientific community. For more information about pharmacogenetics, visit the NIGMS Web site at <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/funding/pharmacogenetics.html>, or call the NIGMS Office of Communications and Public Liaison at 301-496-7301.

### **R&W Hosts Charity Barbecue**

The NIH Recreation and Welfare Association invites you to help raise money for NIH charities while enjoying the perfect barbecue sandwich, compliments of Outback Steakhouse, on Tuesday, June 13, on the Building 31 patio. Tickets are \$8 for lunch, and BBQ-goers will have the opportunity to win prizes. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year of this popular event, and money raised goes toward worthy char-



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ities including Camp Fantastic and Special Love, Inc. For more information, call 301-496-6061.

### **NIH Office of Research on Minority Health Launches Web Site**

The NIH Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH) recently launched a new Web site to provide the public and the scientific community with information about its office and the NIH Minority Health Initiative (MHI). The MHI, through the ORMH, supports and promotes biomedical and behavioral research aimed at improving the health of minority Americans and expands the participation of minorities in this research.

The MHI helps fund research:

- To improve prenatal health and reduce infant mortality;
- To study childhood and adolescent lead poisoning, HIV/AIDS, and alcohol and drug abuse; and

### **NIH Orchestra, Chamber Singers Concert Benefits Charity**

The NIH Community Orchestra, along with the NIH Chamber Singers, will offer audiences three major classical works at their summer concert on Saturday, June 17, 2000. The concert, which benefits NIH charities, features *Symphony No. 2* by Beethoven, the *Capriol Suite* by Peter Warlock, and *Nanie* by Brahms. Shorter works by Berlioz, Debussy, and Copland will also be performed. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Masur Auditorium in Building 10 on the NIH campus. *Nanie* will be performed in memory of two musicians who died last year—Gail Jacoby and Jack Pearson. Jacoby was a member of the chamber singers, and Pearson performed in the orchestra. A donation of \$5 is suggested, but NIH patients and their families can attend at no charge. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Children's Inn, Friends of the Clinical Center, and Camp Fantastic. The NIH Community Orchestra and the NIH Chamber Singers are composed of NIH employees and community members. For more information, call 301-897-8184 or visit <http://www.gprep.org/~music/nih>.

- To understand how cancer, diabetes, obesity, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, mental disorders, asthma, visual impairments, and alcohol abuse affect minority adults.

"We want to encourage more research in the field of minority health so that all Americans may share equally in the benefits of biomedical and behavioral research," said Dr. John Ruffin, associate director for minority health at NIH.

The new Web site, located at <http://www1.od.nih.gov/ormh>, provides the public with information about ORMH programs, important health topics, clinical trials, NIH health and information resources, and NIH health radio programming. Scientists and health care providers can access information about MHI research and research training programs, the ORMH Advisory Committee, accurate health statistics, NIH grants and contracts, employment and training opportunities, and NIH program staff, publications, reports, and resources.

### **Summer Marks Start of Farmers Market at NIH**

Summer brings a host of fresh fruit, vegetables, baked items, and flowers to NIH. Every Tuesday from now until the fall, the Montgomery County Farmer's Market Association offers a bountiful selection of goods from nearby farms. The market operates from 2 to 6 p.m. in NIH's Parking Lot 41B, behind the National Library of Medicine. Most of the farmers who sell at the NIH market grow everything themselves. Some stands feature chemical-free produce.

Additionally, Reid Orchard and the Salt River Lobster truck bring fresh produce and seafood to the NIH campus every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., all year long.

### **NIH Blood Bank Appeals for Donations**

NIH continues to experience a shortage of blood donations. The NIH Blood Bank currently needs O-negative type blood. Call 301-496-1048 or stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June 3 .....

**Maryland Goes to the Movies: Statewide Film Series:** *Navy Blue and Gold (1937)*, 2 p.m., The Old Greenbelt Theater in Greenbelt, Maryland, free and open to the public. For more information, call 410-685-3750, ext. 321.

**Capital Crescent Run**, a 5K foot race including a 2K junior run and children's fun runs, 8 a.m. for young runs, 8:15 a.m. for 5K, and 8:20 a.m. for 2K, Capital Crescent Trail, Bethesda, \$5 (free for Montgomery County Road Runners). Register onsite. For more information, call 301-353-0200 or visit <http://www.mcrrc.org>.

### June 4 .....

**10K Run for the Heart**, including awards, prizes, health screens, entertainment, a family and kids fun run/walk, and more, 9 a.m., Washington Adventist Hospital parking deck, Takoma Park. First 1,000 runners receive a T-shirt. Call 301-270-4048 for more information.

### June 6 .....

**Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar:** *Osteoporosis: Are You at Risk?* by Dr. Sunita Hanjura, 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, free and open to the public. Call 301-309-3050 to register.

### June 6-7 .....

**Genomics and Cancer:** General Motors Cancer Research Foundation 2000 Annual Scientific Conference, 8:15 a.m., Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, call 202-636-8745 or visit <http://www4.od.nih.gov/gmcrf/>.

### June 7 .....

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** General Motors Cancer Research Foundation: 2000 Annual Scientific Conference, with lectures by laureates of General Motors, Sloan Kettering, and Mott Prizes for Cancer Research, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 1:30-3 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**Mobile Mammography Screening at NIH**, by the George Washington University Breast Care Center, 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., visitor parking lot behind Rockledge I Building, NIH, \$138. To make an appointment or for more information, call 202-994-9999.

### June 12 .....

**2000 Monthly Live Music Program:** Charles Parente, folk singer and composer on piano and acoustic guitar, 7 p.m., Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

### June 13 .....

**Work and Family Life Center Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Family Violence*, 12-2 p.m., Building 31, Room 6C6, NIH, free. Call 301-435-1619, TTY 301-480-0690 to pre-register.

### June 14 .....

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Identification of Components of the Cell Death Pathway* by Vishva Dixit, M.D., Director of Molecular Oncology, Genentech, Inc., Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar:** *Saving Your Skin!* by Margaret O'Neill, M.D., 1 p.m., Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, Wasserman Social Hall, Wasserman Building, 6121 Montrose Road, Rockville, free and open to the public. Call 301-896-3939 to register.

### June 15 .....

**NHGRI 1999-2000 Human Genome Lecture Series:** *The Drosophila Genome* by Gerald M. Rubin, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10), NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-0911.

**ORWH 2000 Women's Health Seminar Series:** **Women's Health Research: A Decade of Progress:** *Diabetes*, 1-3 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Ellyn Pollack at 301-402-1770.

### June 16 .....

**NIH Community Orchestra Concert**, abbreviated program, 12 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, Building 10, NIH campus, donation is suggested. For more information, call Gary Daum at 301-897-8184 or visit <http://www.gprep.org/~music/nih>.

**June 17** .....  
**NIH Community Orchestra Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, Building 10, NIH campus, \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, call Gary Daum at 301-897-8184 or visit <http://www.gprep.org/~music/nih>.

**June 18-21** .....  
**Bridges to the Future Program Directors' Meeting**, sponsored by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, the Office of Research on Minority Health, and the National Institutes of Health, Sunday evening through Tuesday afternoon, Westfields Marriott Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia. Call Capital Consulting Corporation at 301-468-6004, ext. 452, for more information or visit the conference Web site at [http://www1.od.nih.gov/ormh/conferences\\_meetings/bridges.html](http://www1.od.nih.gov/ormh/conferences_meetings/bridges.html).

**June 21** .....  
**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Stability and Activity of the Tumor Suppressor p53* by Alan R. Fersht, Ph.D., F.R.S., Director, Cambridge Centre for Protein Engineering and Herchel Smith Professor of Organic Chemistry, Cambridge University, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**National Library of Medicine Historical Lecture Series:** *War and the Politics of Disability in 20th Century America* by Dr. Walter K. Hickel, 2 p.m., Conference Room D, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-594-5983.

**Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar:** *Saving Your Skin!* by Margaret O'Neill, M.D., 1 p.m., Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 S. Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, free and open to the public. Call 301-896-3939 to register.

**June 24** .....  
**Run for the Roses**, a 5K women-only race with fun runs for children, 8 a.m., Wheaton Regional Park. For more information or entrance fees, call 301-353-0200 or visit <http://www.mcrrc.org>.

**June 27** .....  
**Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar:** *Why Joint Replacements are Totally Hip (or Knee!)*,

6-7:30 p.m., Suburban Hospital Conference Center, Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Road, free and open to the public. Call 301-896-3939 to register.

**June 28** .....  
**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Etiology, Epidemiology, and Prevention of Viral Gastroenteritis* by Albert Z. Kapikian, M.D., Head, Epidemiology Section, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Building 10, Masur Auditorium, NIH, 3-4 p.m., free and open to the public. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**1999-2000 Nights of Notes Music Series:** *Heart of Maryland Chorus (Sweet Adelines International)*, 7:30 p.m., Gaithersburg Regional Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-840-2515, TTY 301-840-2641.

## OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### Bethesda Holds Annual Children's Festival

Come and join the Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) as it hosts the seventh annual Imagination Bethesda—a children's street festival celebrating the arts in downtown Bethesda. This free event, which will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2000, from noon to 4 p.m. on Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street, features street performers, dance troupes, and theater performances. Children under age 12 will have the opportunity to meet costumed characters, have their face painted, and participate in a variety of hands-on activities. Local performing artists, kid-friendly businesses, and nonprofit educational organizations will also participate. For more information about the event, call BUP at 301-215-6660.

### Bethesda Hosts Grand Prix of Cycling

The third annual Snow Valley Bethesda Grand Prix of Cycling speeds into town on Sunday, June 11. Cyclists will compete in the one-kilometer

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## Summer Sounds in the Parks Begins this Month

Bring the family and enjoy free music and entertainment all summer long in some of Montgomery County's regional parks. Beginning the third week of June, the Montgomery County Department of Recreation (MCDR) and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is holding its Summer Sounds in the Parks music series. The concert series, held from 7 to 8 p.m. in different parks throughout the county, will feature a variety of bands, vocalists, and family shows to entertain all ages. So pack an evening picnic and bring the family to enjoy a full range of jazz and swing music, military bands, choral groups, and children's entertainment. For more information or to receive a free brochure, call the MCDR Events Hotline at 240-777-6821. The summer schedule is as follows:

- June 25** *Airforce Silver Wings*, Stevens Park
- June 27** *Army Blues Jazz Ensemble*, Cabin John Regional Park
- June 28** *Dinorock Puppet Productions\**, Black Hill Regional Park
- June 29** *Blue Sky Puppet Theatre\**, Wheaton Regional Park
- July 6** *Rock'inVille Swing Band*, Wheaton Regional Park
- July 9** *Battersby Duo\**, Stevens Park
- July 11** *Rockville Concert Band*, Cabin John Regional Park
- July 12** *Monumental Brass Quintet*, Black Hill Regional Park
- July 13** *Rockville Concert Band*, Wheaton Regional Park
- July 16** *Mike and Mike*, Damascus Park
- July 18** *The Grandsons*, Cabin John Regional Park
- July 19** *Bill Parsons*, Black Hill Regional Park
- July 20** *Army Blues Jazz Ensemble*, Wheaton Regional Park
- July 23** *Terri Allard*, Stevens Park
- July 25** *Flumpa and Friends\**, Cabin John Regional Park
- July 26** *Second Story*, Black Hill Regional Park
- July 30** *Bridges to Bliss\**, Damascus Park

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course, which runs throughout the heart of Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle for a \$4,000 purse. Beginning at 9 a.m., the series of six races will feature some of the area's top cyclists. Race organizers said the grand prix consists of five men's races and one women's race. Although the event is highly competitive, it is "definitely a spectator sport," said race officials. Bethesda residents will enjoy the flashes of color as racers speed by at close to 35 mph. Kids will enjoy it, too. Children's events include four free sprint races at 12:30 p.m., bike safety activities by Ronald McDonald, and face painting. Registration for the children's sprint races begins at 10 a.m. at the start/finish line in front of the Rock Bottom Restaurant (corner of Norfolk and St. Elmo Avenues). For more information, call 301-215-6660.

## Montgomery County Celebrates Cultural Diversity with International Festival

In recognition of Montgomery County's ethnic heritage and international diversity, the county is holding an International Festival on Sunday, June 25, in downtown Silver Spring. Formerly known as the Ethnic Heritage Festival, the free event features four global villages, international cuisine, and exhibits. Vendors will display international crafts and provide a wonderful variety of ethnic foods. The festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Jessup Blair Park (at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Blair Road), will showcase entertainment on three stages. Bring the entire family and enjoy colorful costumes, dance performances, and international music. For more information about the festival, call the Montgomery County Department of Recreation's Events Hotline at 240-777-6821.

## Brookside Gardens Announces Start of Sculpture Show

Artists and gardeners have united to create Brookside Gardens' Year 2000 Around the Garden Sculpture Show. This free exhibit, which begins this month and will continue through May 2001, features large-scale sculptures set within dramatic vistas and rich garden backgrounds. Sculptors



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from the Mid-Atlantic will display their creations throughout the exhibit, which is sponsored by Brookside and the Montgomery County Public Arts Trust. The show is available for viewing every day throughout the garden grounds from sunrise to sunset.

Other June events at Brookside include:

**June 2, 7 p.m.** Friends of Brookside Gardens  
Plant Auction  
**June 10** Hosta Sale  
**June 17 & 18** Iris and Lily Show

Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton, Maryland. For more information about these and other events, call Brookside Gardens at 301-949-8230.

### A Little Europe in Bethesda

Couldn't make it to Europe this year? Then go to the Bethesda Row European Market on Saturday, June 10. The market, which is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., features a Parisian-style flea market with antiques, food, and strolling musicians. More than 50 vendors will display high-end antiques, crafts, flowers, and produce. Children will have fun at the many special activities sponsored by Barnes and Nobel bookstore. Located at the intersection of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues in downtown Bethesda, the event promotes Bethesda businesses. For more information, call 703-998-9661.

### Two Children's Shows Opening

The Bethesda Academy of the Performing Arts (BAPA) Imagination Stage features "Riddle Me a Prince," and the Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park will show "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." Both children's programs open on June 17.

"Riddle Me A Prince" is the last show of the 2000 BAPA season. Shows run approximately one hour on Saturday and Sunday, and they are suitable for children aged 4 to 12. The stage is located in White Flint Mall on the 2nd level. Tickets are \$6; children under 2 are free. For more information about show times or for tickets, call 301-881-5106.

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" is shown on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. in Glen Echo Park. Tickets are \$5 for all ages. For ticket information or directions to Glen Echo

### African American Art Featured at Strathmore

The work of more than 30 African American artists will be featured at an exhibit opening this month at Strathmore Hall Arts Center in North Bethesda. This free exhibit, called Common Bond V, begins on June 16 and runs through July 15. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

### Silver Spring Swings into Summer with Free Concerts

Summer marks the start of Silver Spring's free concert series held on Thursdays from June 15 to August 17. The series features music styles from Motown to swing to Latin and salsa to rock & roll and country. The concerts are held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Drive. Food vendors and walk-around entertainment will also be available. Bring lawn chairs for these free music concerts in downtown Silver Spring every Thursday night. For more information or a brochure, call 301-565-7300. The schedule is as follows:

<b>June 15</b>	<i>Big Gilson with the Bruce Ewan Band, red-hot blues</i>
<b>June 22</b>	<i>Ruthie &amp; the Wranglers, country rock</i>
<b>June 29</b>	<i>Alex Fox, Latin music</i>
<b>July 6</b>	<i>Midnight Movers, Wilson Pickett's backup band</i>
<b>July 13</b>	<i>Bill Kirchen &amp; Too Much Fun, rockabilly</i>
<b>July 20</b>	<i>Fabulous Bel Airs, 50s &amp; 60s rock &amp; roll</i>
<b>July 27</b>	<i>Seven Nations, Celtic rock</i>
<b>August 3</b>	<i>El Sabor, salsa</i>
<b>August 10</b>	<i>Cornell Gunter's The Coasters, Motown legends</i>
<b>August 17</b>	<i>Powerhouse, R&amp;B/swing</i>

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### **TRY THIS WEB SITE:**

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The National Institutes of Health provides the public with a wide variety of free health publications, many of which are available online. The Consumer Health Information Web site is a growing collection of the most requested NIH publications and is organized by NIH institute or by subject. Consumers looking for a particular publication can search the collection by using key words. Persons interested in general information can browse the complete listing of publications offered by each institute. Unlike other organizational databases, this one will connect you directly with the publication for online viewing. The database includes some Spanish language publications, and although the collection is not entirely comprehensive, NIH staff are working toward this goal. Print versions can also be obtained from the appropriate institute.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Interpreters Sought**

The Clinical Center Volunteer Office is in need of in-house language interpreters to serve as backups when others are not available. The interpreters would assist patients and their families who are not fluent in English. Speakers of Spanish, Farsi, Italian, Japanese, and Korean are particularly needed. To help, call Andrea Rander at 301-496-1807.

### **Identical Twins Needed for Study**

The Human Leukocyte Antigens (HLA) Laboratory is looking for normal, healthy, adult identical twin pairs for a study analyzing the T-cell receptor repertoire of normal identical twins. Each twin pair should be willing to undergo a thorough medical history, HLA testing, complete blood count, and leukopheresis. Optimally, subjects should also be available for further questioning about their medical history. Twin donors will be paid for their blood donations. For more information, call 301-496-8852.

### **Healthy Volunteers Needed**

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke is looking for healthy men and women aged 18 to 35 years for functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) studies of brain and cognitive function. Volunteers should be right-handed and should have learned English as their first language. A 1- to 2-hour screening interview and a 3- to 4-hour visit for the fMRI scan are typical. Tasks may be as simple as moving your fingers or as complex as remembering ideas and responding by pressing buttons. Volunteers should have no implanted metal in their bodies and should have normal vision or wear contact lenses. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Milan Makale at 301-402-2583.

### **Postmenopausal Women Wanted for Blood Study**

The Clinical Center and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute seek postmenopausal women to take part in a study of normal blood. To be eligible, participants must have had no abnormal bleeding or clotting in the past, and they must be willing to stay off of any hormone treatment for nine months. Participants will give a small sample of blood in the initial screening. On the basis of the screening results, some women will be asked for additional small blood samples once a month for three months. The study involves no hormones or medications, and participants will be paid \$50 for each blood draw. For more information, call 301-496-5150.

### **Healthy Married Men and Women Sought**

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), seeks healthy men aged 56 to 73 and women aged 51 to 59 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Participants must be right-handed and currently married. Volunteers should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders and should not be taking prescription medications, with the exception of hormone replacement therapy (estrogen and/or progesterone), thyroid medication, and medications for high blood pressure (diuretics or ACE inhibitors). Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour

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screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a 3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Lisa Kalik or Neil Santiago at 301-496-8381.

### **Female Volunteers Needed**

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at NIMH is seeking female volunteers between the ages of 40 and 50 to participate in a 6-month study of the effects of aging and reproductive hormones on measures of cerebral activity, blood flow, and stress hormone production. Volunteers must have regular menstrual cycles with no changes in mood in relationship to menses, be free of medical illnesses, and not be taking any hormones or medication on a regular basis. Payment will be in accordance with the duration of each visit and the type of protocol used. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

### **Depressed, Anxious Teens Sought**

The Child Psychology Branch at NIMH is looking for depressed and anxious teens (aged 14 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study of how young people experience emotions and how feeling sad or worried can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

### **Women on HRT Needed**

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at NIMH is looking for women who have experienced depressed mood, anxiety, or irritability during hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Free hormonal evaluation and payment are offered to those who complete the study. To be eligible, you should be a medically healthy woman between the ages of 45 and 65, be medication-free (except for HRT), and have experienced mood symptoms during the progestin part of the HRT. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

### **Healthy Men Needed**

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at NIMH is seeking male volunteers (aged 18 to 45) to participate in a 5-month study of the effects of reproductive hormones on the brain and behavior.

Volunteers must be free of medical illness and not be taking any medication on a regular basis. Participants will complete daily rating forms and be asked to participate in one of several protocols. Payment will be made in accordance with the duration of each visit and the type of protocol. For more information, contact Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

### **Difficult Teens Sought**

The Child Psychology Branch at NIMH is looking for difficult teenagers (aged 11 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study of how young people experience emotions and how anger and bad moods can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

## **THE PATIENT RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICE**

**1-800-411-1222**

**[prpl@nih.gov](mailto:prpl@nih.gov)**

**<http://www.cc.nih.gov>**

The Patient Recruitment and Public Liaison Office (PRPL) is a service of NIH's Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (CC) in Bethesda, Maryland. PRPL staff members assist patients, their families, physicians, and healthy volunteers by providing information about participating in research conducted at the CC. NIH offers all study-related evaluation, testing, and treatment at no charge to the participant. There are nearly 1,000 studies available to patients and healthy volunteers. They cover a wide range of common and rare diseases and conditions.

Below are some of the studies for which the PRPL currently is recruiting. For information about these or other CC studies, visit the CC Web site at <http://www.cc.nih.gov> (Click on "Current Clinical Studies"), or call the PRPL at the toll-free number listed above:

- **Endometriosis.** The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development invites women with pelvic pain associated with endometriosis to take part in a study of a potential new treatment.

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- **Psoriasis.** National Cancer Institute researchers seek people with psoriasis for a study of a potential new treatment.
- **Shingles.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases seeks healthy volunteers aged 60 and older who have never had shingles for a study to determine whether an enhanced version of the chickenpox vaccine can prevent shingles. Study participants need to make one outpatient visit to the NIH Clinical Center and monthly phone calls via a toll-free number for up to five years.
- **Sjögren's Syndrome.** The NIH researchers seek adults aged 18 or older who have been diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome to take part in studies of a potential new treatment.
- **Stuttering and Speech Disorders.** The National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke seeks adults and children aged 5 or older who stutter or have familial speech disorders for an experimental study of the causes of these speech disorders. NIH researchers offer speech, voice, and language testing.
- **Teen Obesity.** Parents: Is your teenager overweight? Overweight teens are at risk for developing serious medical conditions during their teen years and as adults. NIH doctors are enrolling teens, aged 12 to 17, in a research study of a new weight loss medication. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug Orlistat for use by overweight adults. There is no charge for study tests, exams, medication, and weight-control education.
- **Uveitis.** The National Eye Institute seeks adults and children with uveitis for research studies to help find ways to improve diagnosis and treatment. The studies take place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. NIH patients receive study-related eye exams, testing, and care at no charge.

*If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or e-mail [tlamotte@palladianpartners.com](mailto:tlamotte@palladianpartners.com).*

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